

Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of formatting ~~representing~~ a selection of text from a ~~first~~ document as an Extensible Markup Language (XML) formatted selection such that the selection of text carries formatting properties ~~data~~ particular to the selection of text for use in an other a second document, comprising:

selecting the selection a first portion of text in the a first document;

identifying an XML markup specifying one or more formatting properties associated with the selection of text;

applying the XML markup data to the selection of text; and

associating the applying XML markup with ~~to~~ the selection of text for designating that the selection of text is formatted according to the XML markup data independent of an other XML markup associated with the other apart from any data applied to other portions of text in the first document or any document into which the selection of text is inserted; and

avoiding a conflict between the XML markup associated with the selection of text and the other XML markup associated with the other document by causing the XML markup associated with the selection of text to be carried with the selection of text when the selection of text is inserted into the other document to maintain the application of the XML markup data to the selection of text in the other document independent of the other XML markup associated with the other document.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising:
inserting the selection of text into the other a second document; and
parsing the other second document for data required for the other second document after inserting the selection of text into the other second document.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 2, further comprising recognizing ~~determining~~ the XML markup data applied to the selection of text ~~in the first document~~ upon encountering the XML markup applied to the selection of text in the other document.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 3, further comprising applying the XML Markup data applied to the selection of text in the ~~first~~ document to the selection of text in the other second document; and formatting displaying the other second document whereby the XML markup data applied to the selection of text in the ~~first~~ document is applied to the selection of text in the other second document apart from the other XML markup any data applied to any other text contained in the other second document.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 2, whereby parsing the other second document for formatting properties data required for the other second document after inserting the selection of text into the other second document includes parsing formatting properties any XML markup applied to the other second document including parsing the XML markup applied to the selection of text for designating that the selection of text is formatted according to the XML markup data.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 5, further comprising parsing the other second document with an XML parsing application capable of understanding the other XML markup applied to the other second document and capable of understanding the XML markup applied to the selection of text for designating that the selection of text is formatted according to the data applied to the selection of text in the ~~first~~ document.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 6, whereby applying the XML markup to the selection of text includes applying an XML tag to the selection of text whereby the XML tag may be recognized by the an XML parsing application as designating that the selection of text is formatted according to the data applied to the selection of text in the ~~first~~ document apart from the other XML markup any data applied to other portions of text in the other first document ~~or any other document~~ into which the portion of text is inserted.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 7, whereby during parsing the other ~~second~~-document for the XML markup to applied to the selection of text for designating that the selection of text is formatted according to the XML markup ~~data~~-applied to the selection text in the ~~first~~-document, locating the XML tag applied to the selection of text for designating that the selection of text is formatted according to the XML markup ~~data~~-applied to the selection of text in the ~~first~~-document.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 8, whereby the XML tag is a `<cfChunk>` tag.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising associating the selection of text with an XML schema file for providing a definition of the XML markup applied to the selection of text and for providing ~~an~~-XML parsing application rules for understanding and using the XML tag.

11. (Currently Amended) A method of formatting ~~representing~~ a selection of text from a ~~first~~ document as an Extensible Markup Language (XML) formatted selection such that the selection of text carries formatting data particular to the selection of text for use in an other XML ~~a second~~ document:

selecting a first portion of text in the ~~a first~~ document;

applying formatting data particular to the selection of text;

applying an XML tag to the selection of text whereby the XML tag may be recognized by an XML parsing application as designating that the selection of text is formatted according to the particular formatting data apart from any formatting applied to other portions of text;

inserting the selection of text into the other XML ~~a second~~ document;

parsing the other XML ~~second~~ document for other formatting data required for the other XML ~~second~~ document;

determining the formatting data particular to the selection of text upon encountering the XML tag applied to the selection of text;

applying the formatting data particular to the selection of text to the selection of text in the other XML ~~second~~ document; and

formatting ~~displaying~~ the other XML ~~second~~ document whereby the formatting data particular to the selection of text is applied to the selection of text in the other XML ~~second~~ document apart from any formatting applied to any other text contained in the other XML ~~second~~ document.

12. (Original) The method of Claim 11, whereby the XML tag is a <cfChunk> tag.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 11, further comprising associating the selection of text with an XML schema file for providing a definition of the XML tag applied to the selection of text and for providing ~~an~~ XML parsing application rules for understanding and using the XML tag.

14. (Currently Amended) A computer storage medium on which is stored instructions which when executed by a computer perform a method of representing a selection of text from a ~~first~~-document as an Extensible Markup Language (XML) formatted selection such that the selection of text carries formatting data particular to the selection of text for use in a subsequent XML ~~second~~-document:

selecting a ~~first~~-portion of text in the ~~a~~-first-document;
identifying an XML markup specifying the formatting data particular to the selection of
text;

applying the XML markup formatting data ~~to the~~ selection of text; ~~and~~
associating the ~~applying~~-XML markup with ~~to~~ the selection of text for designating that
the selection of text is formatted according to the XML markup independent of an other XML
markup associated with the formatting data apart from any formatting applied to other portions
of text in the first document or any subsequent XML document into which the selection of text is
inserted; and

avoiding a conflict between the XML markup and the other XML markup by maintaining
the association of the XML markup with the selection of text independent of the other XML
markup associated with the other document.

15. (Currently Amended) The computer medium of Claim 14, further comprising:
inserting the selection of text into the subsequent XML ~~a second~~-document;
parsing the subsequent XML ~~second~~-document for the other XML markup specifying the
formatting data-required for the subsequent XML ~~second~~-document after inserting the selection
of text into the subsequent XML ~~second~~-document;

determining the formatting data applied to the selection of text in the ~~first~~-document upon
encountering the XML markup applied to the selection of text;

___ applying the formatting data applied to the selection of text in the ~~first~~-document to the
selection of text in the subsequent XML ~~second~~-document; and

formatting displaying the subsequent XML ~~second~~-document whereby the formatting
data applied to the selection of text in the ~~first~~-document is applied to the selection of text in

the subsequent XML ~~second~~-document apart from any formatting applied to any other text contained in the subsequent XML ~~second~~-document.

16. (Currently Amended) The computer medium of Claim 15, whereby parsing the subsequent XML ~~second~~-document for formatting required for the subsequent XML ~~second~~ document after inserting the selection of text into the subsequent XML ~~second~~-document includes parsing an other ~~any~~-XML markup applied to the subsequent XML ~~second~~-document including parsing the XML markup applied to the selection of text for designating that the selection of text is formatted according to the formatting data.

17. (Currently Amended) The computer medium of Claim 16, further comprising parsing the subsequent XML ~~second~~-document with an XML parsing application capable of understanding the other XML markup applied to the subsequent XML ~~second~~-document and capable of understanding the XML markup applied to the selection of text for designating that the selection of text is formatted according to the formatting data applied to the selection of text in the ~~first~~-document.

18. (Currently Amended) The computer medium of Claim 17, whereby applying the XML markup to the selection of text includes applying an XML tag to the selection of text whereby the XML tag may be recognized by an XML parsing application as designating that the selection of text is formatted according to the formatting data applied to the selection of text in the ~~first~~-document apart from any formatting applied to other portions of text in the ~~first~~ document and ~~or~~ any other document into which the portion of text is inserted.

19. (Currently Amended) The computer medium of Claim 18, whereby during parsing the subsequent XML ~~second~~-document for the XML markup to applied to the selection of text for designating that the selection of text is formatted according to the formatting data applied to the selection text in the ~~first~~-document, locating the XML tag applied to the selection of text for designating that the selection of text is formatted according to the formatting data applied to the selection of text in the ~~first~~-document.

20. (Currently Amended) The computer medium of Claim 14, further comprising associating the selection of text with an XML schema file for providing a definition of the XML markup applied to the selection of text and for providing ~~an~~ XML parsing application rules for understanding and using the XML tag.